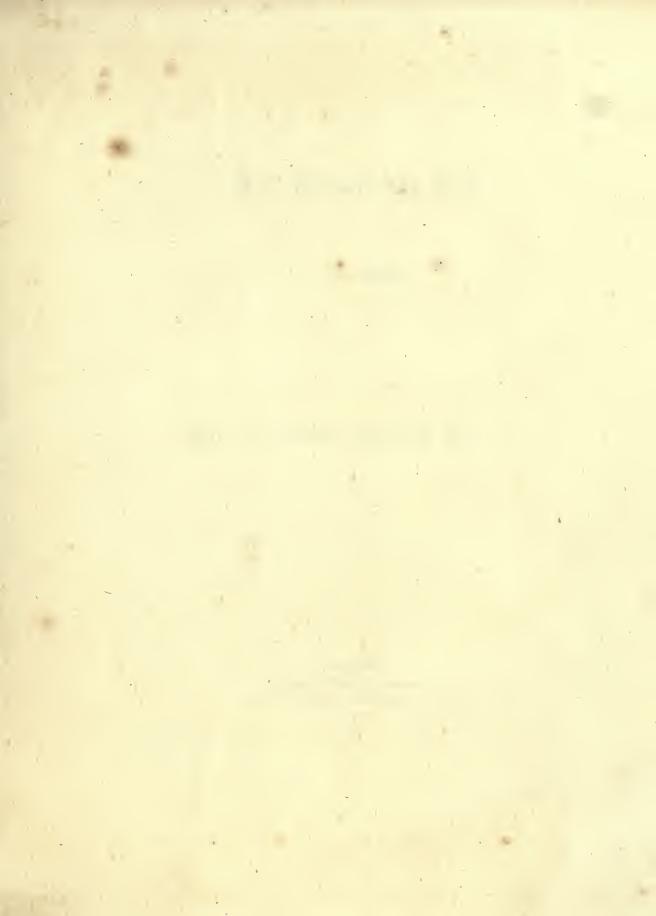


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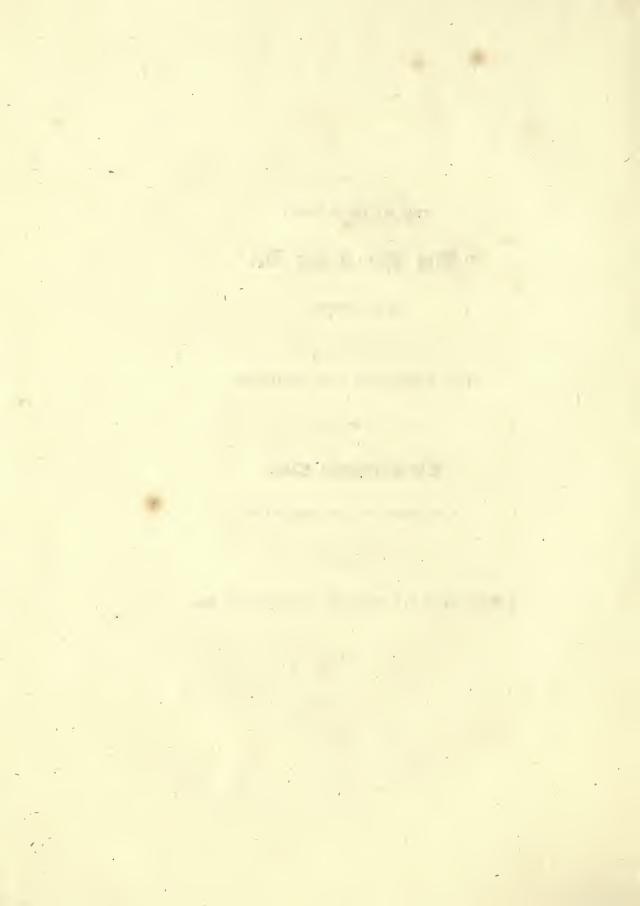
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## To the

# Kings moste excellent Maiestie\*

I prape you be not wrothe For tellinge of the trothe For this the worlde it gothe Bothe to lyfe and to lothe As God him self he knothe And as all men understand Bothe lordelhipes and lands Are now in few mens hands Bothe substance and bands Df all the whole realme Are now consumed cleane As moste men exteme Frome the fermer and the powre To the towne and the towere Which makethe them to lowere To see that in theire flowere Is neyther malte nor meale Bacon byte nor veale Crocke mplke nor keale But redy for to seale for very pure neede Poure comens sape in dede

From the M.S. Harl. 367. fol. 130.

They be not abell to fede In these stable skant a stede To bypng up nor to brede Mor skant abel to brenge To the markett any thynge Towards there howse keninge and skant have a cowe Mor to keve a volvie sowe! Thus the warlde ps nowe and to beze the relation Of the powze mens communcation Under whatt soutte and faschpon Thave make theze exclamation Bow wolde have compassion Thus gothe ther protestation Savenge that suche and suche That of latte are mappe ryche bave to to /to myche By grasping and regratinge By powlyng and debattynge By rollyng and by dattyng By cheke and cheke matynge With delays and debatynge With cowsomes and tallpings Forfaytts and fore fallpings So that pouze commen\* sape

<sup>\*</sup> Altered by another hand pomen.

They styll pape pape Host wyllyngly alwaye But yett they se noe stape Of this owtt rage a rape

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I And thus the worse dothe multpulpe Amownas pour aralis communalte They are in suche grette penvry That thap cane nether sell ner bye Such ps there extreme powertep Erneivens dothe it vervive As tiwthe pt selfe dothe tempfye This is a mezvellvis melizie And trew they say it is no spe For araffars and regraters With soe many shepe maisters That of exabell arounde make nafters Are they that be thes wasters That wyll undoe this lande Of thay continw and sande As pe thail understounde By this lytell bowke Of youre grace it overlowke And over lowke it agapne Dit wyll tyll pow soo playne The tenvie and the trowthe howe this warlo now aowthe With my neghtbore and my nost In every countre towns and coa

Within the cercumvisions Df pour grasis dompnyons And whye the powre men wepe for flawipna of such thepe for that foo many kype Suche number and suche sowre And never was sene before What wolde ve any more The ingresse was never more Thus nothe the worke and rowze And trewth it ps in dede for all men now doo brede That cane chache any lande Dwtt of the powee mens hande For whome is soe grett a großer As the lorde and the laweer for every drawing dave The bocher more most pape for his fattyng ware And to be the more redper A nother tyme to crave When he more there wolve have And to elywatte the pape Sume whatt he most ryste Mith a spnke or a spse Soo that the bocher cane not snave Cowards his charges and is fare To sell the vere carchasse bare

Under riis or a marke Miche is a uptyfull werke Be spoe the offal and the lice The flice and the fell Thus be dothe it selle A. las A. las A. las This is a vitywos chasse Whatt powze man nowe is abeli To have mette one is tabell An ore at type pownde He be be any thing rownde Dr ells come not in the grownde Suche labore for to waste This is the new case The new cast frome the olde This commen price thap holde Miche is a were rewthe of men myght saye the trwth Poure pomen\* thus doo sape If thave have it thws thay nave

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<sup>\*</sup> This word seems to have been again changed from comen.

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Dowe saye ye to this my lordes Are not thes playne recordes De knowe as well as I Thus makes the commons cipe This makes them cipe and were Abysevspna soe there shepe There there and eke ther beffes As yll and worle then theffes Anto a comon welth This is a vere fielth But you that wyll this bett Bowe lords that be areett Dou wold not pape so for youre mette Except your grafpng ware soo swett Dr ells fere me I Powe fynde some remedy In tyme and that right horrlye But pett this extrempte Mon felys it but the compnaitre A. las ps there noe remede To helpe them of these melire of these showlde come a rayne To make a derthe of grayne As God maye sende it playne for our covitis and disdayne

25. ii.

I wolde knowe amowngs all Mhat he where that how de not fall And forowr as he wente for Gods ponythementte A. las this were a plage for powertes passellion Coward is ther suppression for the grett mens transgressyon A. las my lordes for see There maye be remede for youre power comens saye Thay have not more to paye

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And pett not lowna aaoo Mas prechars one or tooe That spake it plene enowah To pow to yow and to powe biabe tyme for to revent This develysche in tente Df covitis the convente Frome Skottland into Kente This precheng was be sprent And frome the est frunt Unto saynt Wychells Wontte This sapeng did suzmownte A brode to all mens beres And to your grafps peres That frome pollor to nost The vowr man he was tosse J. mene. the labozeng man I. mene. the busbande man I. mene, the plowahe man I. mene, the handy craft man I. mene, the vylyna man And also the gud poman That some tyme in this realme hade plente of key and czeme

Butter eggs and cheffe bony var and beste But now a lacke a lacke All thes men gowe to wrake That are the bodye and cape Of your graffs realme always Alwaye and at lenght They most be youre strengtt Poure Azenaht and your teme For to defende pour realme They pf thes men appall And lack when pe doe call Wiche wave mave you or that! Result poure enumes all That over raapnae Gremes Tayli wadde frome foren realmes For me to make judiciall This matter ps to mphicall Juae vowe my lordes for me ve chall **Boures** ps the charae that aovernes all For vor populi me thay call That maketh but reersall De varbum but not de totall De locis but not locall Therfore pe most not blame The wyght that wrott the same For the pozemen\* of this lande bath sone this in theze sande

<sup>\*</sup> Comens erased.

Plowahona it with ther hande I fonde it where I counde And I ame but the havne That wrythe new agayne The copy for to see That also lezneth me To take theze by good hede Wy there howe for to fede For I a theparde ame A forp powie man vett wolde I wysche my lordes This myaht be youre recordis And make of it nowe dreme For it ps a worther realme A reme that in tymes vaffe Dath made the prowdes a gaste And now my lordes all Pote this in especiall And have it in memoryall With poure write unpversall That nether faver nor effection Powe grawnt pouze protection To suche as bath by election Shall rewle by eredion And doth gett the perfection Of the powze mens refection Miche ps a grett innozmpte Unto youre grasps commpnaite For thap that of latt did suve

C. ii.

Dwtt of an aschyn cuppe Are wonderfully sprowing upe That nowaht was worth of latt Bath now a cubbonde of platt Dis tabell furnyscherd tooe With platt be sett I nowe Percell aplte and sownde Well worth tow thousand poundet With castinge cownters and ther pen Thes are the vyffazt gentylmen Thes are thay that dewowre All the goods of the powe And makes them dotysche dabys Under the cowler of the Kings lawys And pett and nother decape To poure grasps Sectes always for the flatte of all youre mazchant men Ando most varte of powre gentyll men and wrape them in suche bandes That thay have balve ther lands And papeth but halfe in hande Tyll thay more undersownde Of the profett of there lande And for the other balfe the thalbe mayd a calfe Ercept be have gud fzendes Taliche well cane wave both endes

+ CCti erased.

And pet with frendes tooe he shall have muche to doe Miche vs a grett in nozmyte To pouze arasps regalipte. Lett marchant men goe sayle for that ps ther time wapile For of one C. pe have not ten That now be marchants ventring men That occupi agett in awnders Forther then into Flanders Flawnders or in to France For fere of some myschance But lyeth at home and flands By morgage and purchaste of landes Dwtt of all aentril mens handes Wiche showld serve always your grace With horse and men in chasse Wiche vs a grett dewowre Unto poure regall powze What prespoente cane thay shewe That fowe skore yeres agooe That any marchant bere A bove all charges clere In landes myaht lett to hyre Too thowsant markes by vere Dther where thall pe fynde A aentyll man by kynde

But that thap wyll ly in the wynde To breng home fer be honde Dr ells thay wyll have all Of nedes thay hone for fall Miche us the hole decape De pour marchant men I fave And hynders youre grafus costome By the pere a thowsant pownde And so mazzyth the moze vetpe The comon welth of yche Sytte And undoth the cowntie As prose doth make propertie This matter most spesyally Wolde be loked one quiclye Bett for ther recreation In passime and procreation In tempore necessitatis I wysche thay myght have grattis Lylens to compownde To puzchasse fortie pownde Dr spste at the moste By fone or wiptte of post And pf any marchant man To lyve his occupieng then Wolde puzchasse any more Lett home fozfett it therfore Then showld pe se the trade That mazchant men fzist mapde

Thyche wyste men mathall for a welth unyversall yche man this lawe to letne And trewly his goods to ywre. The landlord with his terme. The plowght man with his ferme. The kneght wyth his fare. The marchant with his ware. Then showld increse the helth. Of yche comon welthe. Therfore be not yow wrothe. For tellyng of the trothe. For I dooe bere it every daye howe the comons thus doe saye. If thay hade it thay wolde paye.

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T But howe Robyn howe Wiche wave dothe the wynde blowe Beike. beike. beike Ds not this a vityvis warke The grounde and the pithe Df all this myscheffe For ouze covitis lozdes Dothe mynde noe other recordes But frampng fynes for fermes With to mythe as some termes With rents and remapnders With surwaye and surrenders With commons and common ingenders With in closiers and extenders With hurd upe but noe spenders For a common welth This is a vere stelth Prove it whowe thall To make theze of tziall Thus gowthe theze diall I knowe not what acloke But by the cowntre coke Thei anone ner pett the viime Untyll the sowne dooe shone

D" ells I colde tyll Bowe all things showld be well The compas mape fland a wrpe But the card woll not ive baale in your mayn thete This tempese is to grett For powie men daply sees bow officers takes their fees Sume pll and some pet worse As gode right as to pike there purse Deservethe this not God's curse Theze confpens ys fooe grett There fere not to dischare Of it were as moche more Soe thay mave have the sowie Thus is ouze wethe undone By synguler commodome/ For we are in dybision Bothe for realt and religion And as some saythe We stagger in our faythe But excepte in Moztt tyme Tie drawe by one lyne And agre with one accorde Bothe the plowghman and the lorde We shall some rewe. That ever this flatte we knowe

The commons thus doth saye Us thave hade it thay wolde paye

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Thus runnys the zwmez abowtt A mownas the holle rowtt Thay cane nott bryng abowt bit bathe suche hight degree The towne it ps soo skaatt That every man dothe wantt And somethynke not soo skazese But even as much to basse Vour marchant men doe sape Thape fynde it daye by daye To be a matter Azange When thay thowld make excange Dne thother spoe the see They are drypen to there plee For were oure pounde some tyme Was better then thezes by nene Row ours when it compthe forthe Mo better then theis is worthe Moe nor skant sooe gude They save so by the roove bow may the merchant man Be able to occuppe than Exept when he comes here he fell his ware to drie

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he needes must have a lyvinge Dr ells fpe one the wyning This copne by alteracyon Bathe brought this desolacon Which is not pet all knowen What myschiff it bathe sowen They save wo worthe that man That fyrst that copne began To put in ange beade The mynde to such a reed To come to such a hiere For covites delpre. I knowe not what it menythe But thus thap cape and dremethe He ille per quem skandalum venit But this well upe graett pene Be for it be well agapne Graett pene and fore To make this as was before Pouze commons thus doe save Is thay hade it thay wolde pape

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This matter is to trewe That many a man dothe rewe These sowrowes doe in sewe For powze men thap doe cipe And sape it ps a wipe Thay save thay cannott be herde But Apll frome dave differed When thay have any swotte They may gowe blowe ther Awtt Thus gothe the common brewtt The riche man woll come in for be ps suze to wynne for he cane make is wave With hand in hande to pape Bothe to thycke and thyne Dr ells to knowe the plesuze Aby loide is not at lesuie The powze man at the dur Stands lyke an pflande cur And dance not over flure Trevet he gowe is wave And come another dape And then the matter ys mappe That the powie man withe his spade JF. abust no more this ferme in warde But must gowe use soume other trade For it ps foe agrepd That my lader maisters mede Shall hyme expulse with all spede And our maister the landlord Shall have it all att his accorde his howse and ferme agapne To make there of his ottmost gapne for is wantage wylbe more With thepe and cattell itto floze and not to plough his ground no more Except the feather wyll ageze The rente hver by holle pere Bett must be bave a fyne toe The bazgayne be may the knowe Whiche maketh the markett now foe deze That there bye sewe that make good chere for the fezmer most fell his gosse: As he mave be abell to pave for his howse Dr ells for none papeng the rente A poppe at oure lapdge dape in lent Thus the vowie man chalbe chente and then be and his wysfe With theze chilldren all theze lyfe Dothe cipe owtt and band Appon thes coisede covitys man

I swere hy God omnipotent I fere that this prespoent While make we all for to thent Trowe you my lordes that be That God doth nott see This tyche manys charyte Per speculum Inigmate Bes es powe ryche loids Ditt is wiptten in Christs records That divis lay in the fpre With Belsabube his sprie And pawper be a bowe fatt In the lett of Abrams lape And was taken frome this trope To lyve allwaye with God in poipe Powr commons thus do save If thay hade it thay wold pape

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The prayle no less ps worthe Godds worde is well fett forth Ditt never was more preched Mor never to playnely techede hitt never was so halloed Mor never soe lyttell sowloed Both of hyaht and lowe As many a man dothe knowe For this ys playne perskrypspon The have banyschyd superstylpon But figli we kepe ambyspon We have showtt awaye all cloystes But fixll we kepe extozignazs The have taken theze lands for ther abbwese But we have converted theme to a worse use Hf this talle be noe lye Aby lords this nothe a wive A wrpe a wrpe pe gooe With many thengs move Duptt frome the Kengs by wape The commons thus toe lave of thay have it thay wold pape

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I And of all this sequell The fawtt I cane not tell Put powe together and spell ABP lords of the cownfell I feze al be not well Ame bysspon so dothe swell As it gothe by reportte A mowas the grett forte A wonderfull fortt of spiks That wor populi tyltis Of thes bottomeless welts That are est west and so forth Bothe by fouth and also north With. ryche. ryche. and ryche With riche and to myche The powie men to be aplie Whith sacche and packe to sple Whith suche as we compound for an offys if thowsant pownde Dowe maye suche men do reght Poure powie men to requptt Dwtt of theze trowbell and payne But they most gett it agayne By craft or such coarsyon By bipbeieg and playne extollyon

With many failys mode That I colde trewly schewe Ther never was suche mespre Wor never soe moche ewzery Pour powr men thus doe saye of they hade yt thay wold paye

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I And thus this yll of bywtts Abost plentyfull of frewtts 11s sudenly decayed Powie men all most dysmayd Thap are soe over lapde I fere and ame a frayde Df the Aroke of Gode Wiche ys a perelos rodde Prave/ prave/ prave/ We never see that daye For pf that dave doo cume The thall destever and runn The father agapuse the sonne And one against and nother By Gods bleded mother Dr they begyne to bugger For Godestake looke a bought And stape be tymes this rought For feare they do come omte I put you ought of dought There is no grett trust Of trothe houlde be discust Therefore my lordes take heede That this nere donot breede

At chesse to playe a maett For then it ps to latt The mape well prowe a cheke But we shall have the werke Dit us not to be wondrede For thap are not to be numbred bitt ps not one alone That thus dothe grownt and growne And makethe this vitious mone For it ps more then wonder To beze the insynptte number Df vowze men that doo showe By resonne hitt most be sooe Thay wysche and doo connector That my lords graffe and protector That cheffe ps nowe exector And formost of the renge Under ouze nobell Kenge That he wolde see rediesse Of this most apaett ercesse For he ps called dowttlesse A man of araett proes And soo dothe beze the same And doth despie the fame his mynde thay fave is good Of all wolde folowe his mode Powe for to lett the frame To keep fipll this good name

he most delay all all excusis And ponysche these graett abbuss Df thesse fynys and new ewis That have foo many mosis And frest and prinsipally Suppresse this chamfull ewsere Commenize callyd husbandize Forf there be noe remedue In tyme and that realt Courty Or wylbrede to a plemiple Wiche ys a graett innormpte To all pouze graffs communaltye Fo thez is noe smalle number But that this fawlt dothe incumber Poure powze men thus doo sape Of thay hade it they wolde vave

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I Powe at voure graffs layfure Of pe well see the segaze Df all the cheffe treasure Beved withe owaht meluze Df the substans of pouze reme As it were in a dreme I well make an esteme In the hands of a fewe The trewthe you to showe bowe this matter vothe gooe-For I will not space The tropthe to declare For tropthe trewly ment Was never pett Gente Mor never thent thatbe Pote this texte of me If aityme be framed for fere some showld be blamed But it wyll not be chamed Ditt ps of suche a strenghe Hitt woll ower come at lenabe Of now I hall not fagne The trouthe to tell you playne Df thoose that doo holde The fubstans and the goolde

And the tresure of this reme And thortly to calle All most they have all Att lest they have the tradde Of all that mave be mayde and frist to declare A breffe what they are To make thort reherfall As well supertual as temprall The lawers and the lawlorde The graett rove and the recorde The recorde I mene ps he That bath offps or ells fee To serve oure nobull Kenge In his accomts and reconnyna Of his treasuze suzmountyna Lorde Chawncler and chawnclass Maisters of myntts and monyals Secundars and surwayers Awditers and receveers Customers and cowntrollers Durvayers and prowllers Wazchants of graett fallys Withe the maisters of woodsayles Withe graffyers and regratters Withe Wr Wyllyams of schepe maisters And suche lyke common wassers That of exabel grownd make passers

And pape masters suche as bythe With trappes your golden smythe With iii or iiii azett cloptheezs And the holle lybell of lawers With these and theze trapne To be breffe and playne Df there to myche gayne That they take for ther payne Dit ys knowin by certayne cowrys That they maynetene your grass warvs By the space of a holle yeze Be it good cheve or dere De thought we showlde withstande Bothe France and Skottlande And pett to leve enowaht Df money waze and fluffe Bothe in cattell and come To more then they wer a borne By patozoniony or blude To mezett soo muche aude Be cause than be soo basse Thay welve nedey and scarsse For auod natura dedit Frome zentyll blude they ledeth And to forse a chourlyche best Memo attolleze potest Pett rather then they wold goo before They wolde belve your grace with comewhat more

For they be those that have the sowre Those be they I wyll wazzant pe Chought ye take never a peney De youse powse commynalitey This is time undowttly dive I daze, afferme it fertenty Fror pf this warloe doo holde Of force ye most be boide To bowzowe ther fyne golde for they have the flowie Pour commons bave no moze De mape it call to lyabt For it ps your awne reght 19st that your grase have neve Beleve this as youze czede The powie men doo fape Pf they hade it they wold pape With a better wyll than thay

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I D otheres protector Bezepn conector And you my lozds all Lett not your over apall But knowke be tymes and call for thes graett ewspres all Pe knowe the printipall What nedes moze rehezfall Of pow doo not rediesse Be tymes this covitisnes Nop bede I wold to gage Ther welbe grett owt rage Suche rage as never was sene In any olde mans tyme Also for this perplexsite Of thes that are most welthe bit were a dede of charite To belye them of ther plupfe Dit comes by suche grette sytts That it takes wave ther witts Bothe in ther trefuze and tellping Dr ells in byeng and felleng

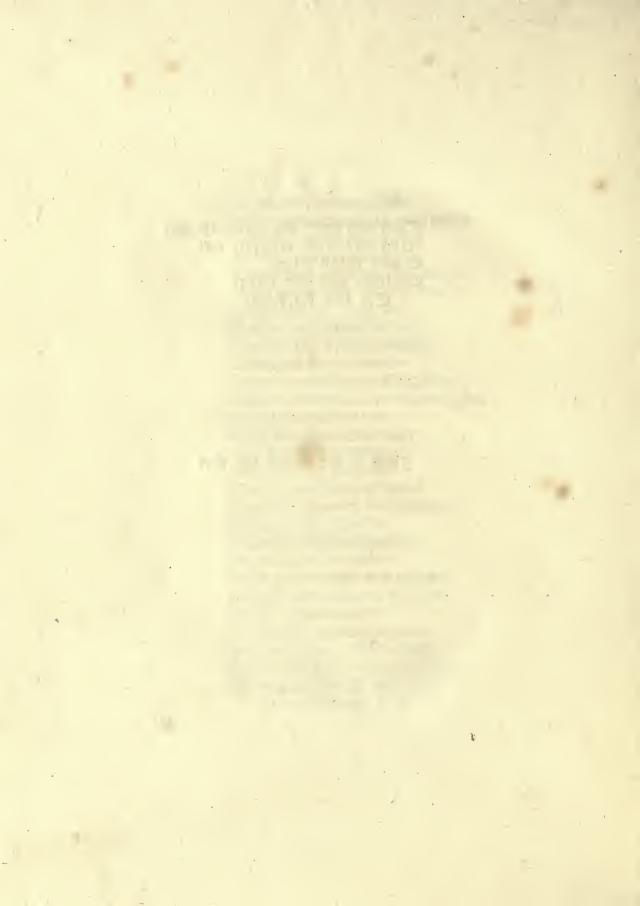
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Of they of this were celed vour grasse showide be well viesed And thap but lyttell dysesed Df this covitous dropfpe That brengs them to this plurple Bothe the plupple and the gowt Uncurabell to be bolpe Ercent pour graffe for petie Proved this forland remedie As voders holde opinion Bothe Ambrosse and Tertulipon With the swivstake and the mynpon The gally and the roo That soo swyft dothe gooe Goo and that a page By the Bezzy Grace The Ibezzy and the Edward God send them all well forward With all the hole fleet Mhosse cowncell complett Sayth it is full mett That araette beds and dyscrett Showld looke well to ther fett Amen I sape so be it As all your commons prape For pouze louke belth awaye of thap hade it thap wolde pape With a better wyll then thap Cor vopuli vor Dei

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Thus doth wrytt and thus dothe sape With this salme myserere mei D most nobell Keng Consyder well this thinge God save the Kenge

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